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11 March 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 11 March 1969

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*DD/I reported that Tex Thornton, head of Litton Industries, may be accepting an invitation to travel to the Soviet Union but intends to clear the matter with Tommy Thompson and President Nixon. Thornton has requested a briefing from the Agency, and the Director asked the DD/I to prepare a note to Thornton suggesting that he visit here for briefing purposes.



DD/I provided the Director a recently completed Arab-Israeli handbook. The Director concurred in distributing copies with a personal note to Secretaries Rogers, Laird, and Packard, Attorney General Mitchell, and Mr. Kissinger. DD/P suggested that a copy also be provided to Ambassador Yost.

Godfrey reported that OCI is preparing for completion today a brief memorandum on the significance of troop movements by unidentified NVN units.

*Godfrey reported that the last Chinese AA unit has left North Vietnam, leaving the Chinese engineering battalions without antiaircraft protection. The Director asked that we find a way to publish on this item.

D/ONE noted will join the Board of National Estimates.

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DD/S noted that some OCS equipment will be moved into the building via the garage today.

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Bross called attention to the 13-16 March review panel hosted by the Rand Corporation and noted the participants on the Intelligence Planning agenda item. After some discussion the Director asked Bross to consult with him on this matter later today. (See Morning Meeting Minutes of 30 January 1969.)

Bross reported that he and the DD/S&T will be having lunch today with Al Flax and John McLucas, Under Secretary of the Air Force. The Director urged that they maximize this opportunity.

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DD/P reported that Ambassador Sullivan will be leaving Laos PCS and may join Marshall Green, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

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DD/P reported that Thateng was under heavy attack, and in response to the Director's question, the DD/P briefed on COS, Vientiane/Souvanna Phouma recommendations and the essentially negative view of Headquarters that Laotian forces have the capability to recoup losses.

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The Director noted that today's 303 Committee meeting is now scheduled for this afternoon and that the DD/S&T need not attend in view of General Ross's participation.

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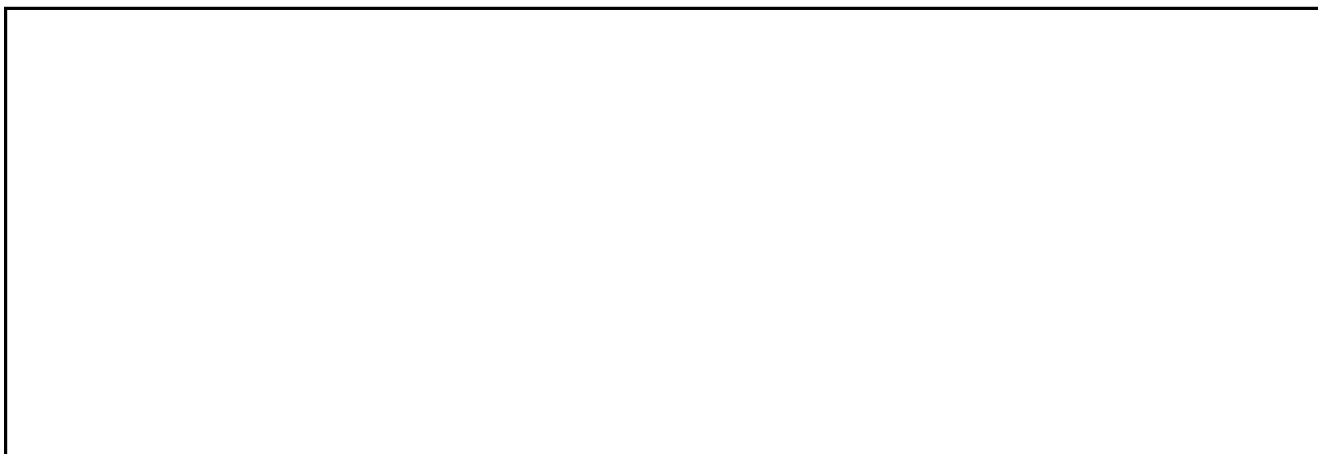
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*The Director noted the good response from General Abrams on the COSVN matter. The Director noted that the lesson to be learned here is that Saigon and Washington must work from the same information base. The Director asked the DD/I to keep him informed on whether arrangements arrived at over the past few days are producing the desired results.

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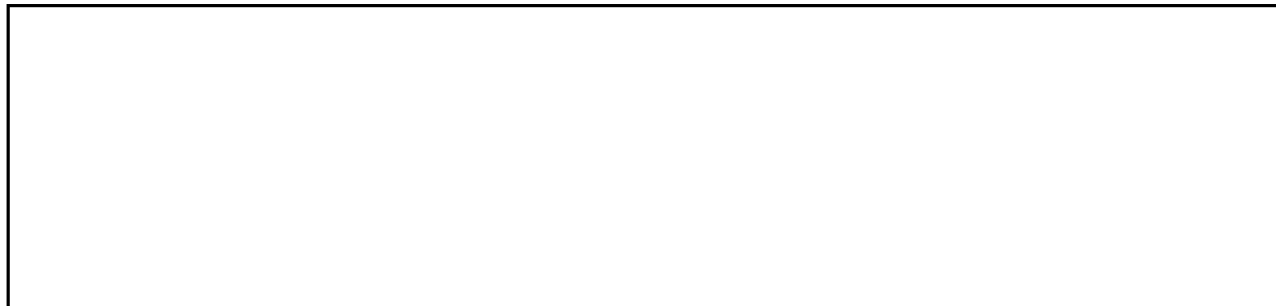


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Goodwin reported that ten participants in the Washington Journalism Center's program have asked for a briefing by the Director on 9 April. The Director concurred in Goodwin's suggestion that the latter brief them here in the building.

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